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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: CIA/DOD Wartime and Contingency Agreements

1. I met with Col. Peter Kempf, Col. USAF, Office of the Special Assistant to the Secretary of Defense, Mr. Tom Latimer, to review the status of the two subject agreements currently under revision.

2. Col. Kempf stated he had not seen the Command Relationships Agreement (Wartime); therefore, he was not able to discuss it. He stated that if we had concerns about that agreement we should discuss them first with the Director Joint Staff. When I first arrived, Kempf telephoned the OJCS action office to "check my bona fides." I surmise that Col. Skoien (J-3, OJCS) asked Col. Kempf to refer us back to the Joint Staff on the CRA matter. Col. Kempf did say that he knows that the CRA was not acceptable to CIA when it was sent to the DCI by Mr. Schlesinger last year, *this in answer to my question.*

3. Col. Kempf was indeed sitting on the Contingency Support Agreement (CSA). He stated that he had some concerns of his own about its provisions. Generally, they pertain to assurance that Mr. Schlesinger would be advised and have approval authority over agreements and joint actions of the military services and CIA in covert operations and unconventional warfare. It appears that Mr. Schlesinger does not wish to decentralize such matters in view of the present political climate.

4. I told Col. Kempf that I believed that CIA was not too far apart from the JCS on the CSA. Inasmuch as OSD was going to propose changes to the CSA I suggested that he consider a CIA input. This he said he would do.

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5. I described the differences of approach wherein CIA wishes to avoid a peacetime agreement, but the OJCS view was that one should be made. Kempf said that the CSA might be redone to include the peacetime situation.

6. Recommended Actions:

a. General Wilson call Adm. Train or MG St. John as previously suggested. (I would provide a point paper.)

b. CSA: HB/ICS working with the DDO develop proposed changes to the CSA, including rationale. It should be noted that the CIA version of the CSA appears to have been approved by Dave Blee, not Mr. Nelson.

The complete CIA position would be carefully staffed in this building. Changes to the JCS-approved paper should be kept to a minimum. The IC Staff would seek agreement with OSD of the CIA changes and conversely agree to OSD changes so far as possible. The paper would be referred back to the JCS for reconsideration when it appears acceptable to both OSD and CIA.

c. CRA: It appears OSD is, at least at this moment, supporting the OJCS view that CIA must answer Schlesinger's letter. In working with Kempf on the CSA I may be able to determine what maneuver room we have. This may take a little time. In the meantime, DDO should prepare the response (counter proposal) for Mr. Colby's signature submitting it through General Wilson. The DDO action people much prefer to have us get acceptance of their present version without involving Mr. Colby. I have said that further proposed changes to the CRA and the CSA must have General Wilson's approval prior to being transmitted to the OSD.

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